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VAN DEMAN: Only a couple of days more and you'll be shopping with the red stamps in War Ration Book Two. Most of us are old hands now at shopping with blue stamps. Many of the same rules apply to the red stamps. But there are a few differences.

One difference is this: Each group of blue stamps is good clear through a ration period....not so with the red. A new group of red stamps becomes valid each week. The first strip of red stamps is marked with the letter A. You can use those at any time after midnight March 28th, and throughout the whole month of April.

The second strip, marked with the letter B, becomes valid a week later -- this is, April 5th. Stamps marked D, E and F follow right along, a week apart. You can't use any stamps before the date they become valid, but you can use them at any time afterward until the end of April. One exception to that: the stamps marked E don't expire on April 30th. You can use the E stamps -- that's E as in Elizabeth -- after April 30th, but we don't know yet just how long after.

Now another difference between blue and red stamps. You cannot get change in blue stamps but you can get change in red stamps. That's because the man behind the counter can't always make your cut of meat or cheese come out to the exact weight you wanted. So you can get change in red stamps bearing the value of 1 point. These are the only stamps you can spend loose -- all others must be torn from your book in the presence of the storekeeper. I don't need to say, but let's be careful not to lose any of those loose red stamps, and remember they do go out of date. So remember where you put them."

That's all from the Bulletin Board. Wallace Kadderly has the markets for you.



